

Attorney's Docket No. 3801.P007

2164\$  
#15  
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Patent Application of: )

Alex D. Poon )

Examiner: Akers, G. )

Application No.: 09/491,703 )

Art Unit: 2164 )

Filed: January 26, 2000 )

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
FACILITATING USER SELECTION )  
OF AN ITEM CATEGORY IN AN )  
ONLINE AUCTION )

RECEIVED

JUL 12 2002

Technology Center 2100

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Box IDS

RECEIVED

JUL 15 2002

GROUP 3600

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 together with copies of the documents cited on that form. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered and that the enclosed copy of Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be initialed by the Examiner to indicate such consideration and a copy thereof returned to applicant(s).

07/11/2002 GWORDDF1 00000045 09491703

01 FC:126

180.00 00

FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

on July 1, 2002

Date of Deposit

Patricia M. Richard

Name of Person Mailing Correspondence

[Signature]  
Signature

7/1/02  
Date

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited in this statement is material to patentability.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted under one of the following (as indicated by an "X" to the left of the appropriate paragraph):

\_\_\_\_\_ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).

  X   37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). If so, then enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement is one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ A statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or

  X   A check for \$180.00 for the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

\_\_\_\_\_ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d). If so, then enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement are the following:

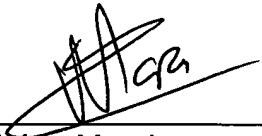
- (1) A statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e); and
- (2) A check for \$180.00 for the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for submission of the Information Disclosure Statement.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Dated: 02/28/02

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Andre L. Marais  
Reg. No. 48,095

12400 Wilshire Blvd.  
Seventh Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1026  
(408) 947-8200

**Complete if Known**

~~(use as many sheets as necessary)~~

Sheet

1

of

1

Application Number

09/491.703

Filing Date

January 26, 2000

**First Named Inventor:**

Alex D. Poon

Group Art Unit

2164

Examiner Name

Akers, G.

Attorney Docket Number

3801.P007

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

Examiner  
Signature

Date Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard S.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Burden Hour Statement:** This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.**